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¶1. (SBU) Per reftel request, this is Embassy Kyiv's submission on Ukraine for the 2009 Country Reports on Terrorism. The point of contact on the report is Political Officer David Mellor, email address mellordb@state.gov and Embassy telephone number 380-44-490-4317.

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¶2. (SBU) Although there were no terrorist incidents in Ukraine this year, the Ministry of Interior (MOI) claimed to have disrupted a domestic plot still in the planning stages. The MOI detained five men accused of plotting to assassinate the leader of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis (the unofficial Muslim Crimean Tatar community representative body). The men, some of whom are Crimean Tatars, claimed they are members of Egypt-based Al-Takfir wa al-Hijrah and had acquired weapons and explosives in preparation for the assassination attempt. The men are charged with illegal possession of weapons and explosives. The extent of the group's links to outside terrorist organizations remains unclear.

¶3. (SBU) Uzbekistan-based terrorist organization Hizb-ut-Tahir, through its local NGO Crimean Muslim Community Davet, held a conference on July 19 in Simferopol titled "From Capitalist Oppression and Injustice to the Light of the Caliphate." The conference's 800 attendees were primarily Crimean Tatars from Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The Ukrainian government said it monitored the conference closely and allowed it to continue because it was conducted by a registered NGO and its focus was on "social and religious issues" facing the Tatar community.

¶4. (SBU) In December, President Yushchenko vetoed significant amendments to Ukraine's law on money-laundering and terrorist financing. The law would have expanded the scope of current financial monitoring and would have been a demonstrable step toward bringing Ukraine's money-laundering and terrorism finance laws into compliance with international norms.

¶5. (SBU) The Ukrainian government continues to contribute to the stabilization efforts in Afghanistan, with ten soldiers serving in Chaghcharan province under Lithuanian leadership. The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council announced on December 12 that the government plans to triple the size of its deployment to Afghanistan in 2010.

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